Present status of Kalasa and Banduri Nala Projects

432. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the Kalasa and Banduri Nala Projects of Karnataka;

(b) what are the decisions made and recommended by the Central Water Commission in respect of the project;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of the project and what is the amount of grants released so far; and

(d) what is the future action plan of Government to complete the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As informed by Government of Karnataka, they have undertaken the work of diversion of channel of Kalasanala diversion scheme in the non-forest area.

(b) The Ministry of Water Resources gave an 'in principle' clearance to the proposal of Government of Karnataka for the diversion of 7.56 TMC of water from Mahadayi basin to Malprabha basin to meet the drinking water need of Hubli/ Dharwad from water availability angle on 30th April, 2002. The Government of Goa in July, 2002 took strong exception to the grant of this clearance by the Ministry and requested for setting up of an Inter-State Water Disputes Tribunal under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 for resolution of the dispute. In view of this, the 'in principle' clearance granted by the Ministry was placed 'in Abeyance' in September, 2002.

(c) and (d) As informed by Government of Karnataka, the estimated cost of the project is Rs.93.98 crore at 1999-2000 price level. Water being a State subject, the Water Resources projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments as per their own priorities from their own resources.

Amount Sanctioned for Jala Yagnam in Andhra Pradesh

433. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any amount for Jala Yagnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the projects initiated during the last three years;

(d) how many irrigation projects have been taken up and are under construction;

(e) by when all the projects would be completed under Jala Yagnam; and

(f) the cases of misuse reported in the irrigation projects during the last three years?